

OPINION 922

CHARAXES IOCASTE BUTLER, 1865 (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA):
REJECTED AS AN UNAVAILABLE NAME

RULING.—(1) The specific name *iocaste* Butler, 1865, as published in the binomen *Charaxes iocaste*, is hereby rejected as unavailable, being based only on a type locality.

(2) The specific name *achaemenes* Felder, 1866, as published in the binomen *Charaxes achaemenes*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2403.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1806)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission as a request for suppression under the plenary powers of *Charaxes iocaste* Butler, 1865, by Dr. V. G. L. van Someren in June 1967. Dr. van Someren's application was sent to the printer on 6 July 1967 and was published on 20 September 1967 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 255-256. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184). The proposals were supported by Dr. T. H. E. Jackson. Dr. C. W. Sabrosky (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 332) argued that *Charaxes iocaste* Butler was not an available name.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 16 June 1969 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (69)35, in part 1 to decide whether *Charaxes iocaste* Butler, 1865, is or is not an available name, and in part 2, (in case a majority of the Commission decided that it is an available name) either for or against the plenary powers to suppress *Charaxes iocaste* Butler, 1865. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 16 September 1969 the state of the voting was as follows:

Part 1. Affirmative votes—one (1): Alvarado.

Negative votes—seventeen (17), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Lemche, Eisenmann, Vokes, Mayr, Obruchev, Melville, Starobogatov, Binder, Sabrosky, Mertens, do Amaral, Jaczewski, Kraus, Forest, Ride.

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Tortonese.

Voting Papers not returned—four (4): Bonnet, Evans, Munroe, Simpson.

Commissioner Brinck returned a late negative vote in part 1. The result of voting in part 2 of Voting Paper (69)35 is irrelevant since the Commission decided by seventeen votes to one that the name *Charaxes iocaste* Butler is not available.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

Prof. E. Mayr (22.vii.69): "Locality has never been considered as a qualifying indication (see Art. 16b(i))."

Prof. P. Brinck (22.ix.69): "It has been stated several times that localities and habitats are not 'indications', so why in this case? The group description is *per se* insufficient for validation of *iocaste*."

ORIGINAL REFERENCE

The following is the original reference for the name placed on the Official List by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

achaemenes, *Charaxes*, Felder, 1866, *Reise ast. Freg. Novara*, Zool. Lepid. 2 : 446.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (69)35 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in part 1 of that Voting Paper has been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 922.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

W. E. CHINA
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London
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